## Rhode Island 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Information Regarding Fees for Programs and Services May 2014

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grantees may charge fees for student and/or family participation in programs, services and activities. However, the following guidelines must be followed.

- No student or family member may be excluded from such activities due to inability to pay the established fee.
- A flat fee may be charged, or a scaled fee may be charged according to income. This scaled fee
  may be based on eligibility documentation for free or reduced price lunch, or in some other fair
  and transparent manner to determine eligibility for a scaled fee.
- All funds collected from fees must be used to support the overall 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program. A separate
  accounting system must be established to ensure that collected fees are used for this purpose
  only. Collected fees must be used during the fiscal year in which they were collected, and may
  not be saved to offset future costs in future fiscal years.
- 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs may also off-set costs for students and families by offering scholarships for
  participation costs that include registration fees for activities and programs or other established
  fees. The system to determine eligibility for scholarships must be developed so that the system
  is fair and transparent and is communicated to all potential participants. Again, income eligibility
  may be based on eligibility documentation for free or reduced priced lunch, or in some other fair
  and transparent manner.